

THE  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OF  
LYE AND WOLLESCOTE.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
AND  
**SANITARY INSPECTOR**

For the Year ending December 31st, 1915,

AND  
**SURVEYOR**

For the Year ending March 31st, 1916,

Also Summary of Work of the Fire Brigade.

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W. STANLEY MOBBERLEY      Clerk.



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# LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, From January 1st to December 31st, 1915.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Lye and Wollescote  
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you my 19th Annual Report some explanation of its brevity is necessary.

The war has altered conditions very materially, and has been a deterrent to Sanitation.

Building and structural alterations have been almost at a standstill, at least as regards houses.

Fluctuations as to numbers employed in factories and workshops must have been very great.

Because of enlistments I understand that workmen to attend to night soil removal, and other matters have been difficult to obtain.

Statistics are by no means very reliable just now and no doubt considerable amendment of figures will be required after the war.

Under these circumstances one has to be brief, but one's figures are as nearly correct as possible under the circumstances, and every care has been taken in the necessary calculations.



## Population.

The civil population for the year 1915 is estimated to be 11,640.

## Births.

The Births during the year numbered 295, as compared with 351 in the previous year. There were no inward or outward transfers. The sexes were 136 males and 159 females.

The Birth Rate was 25·3 per 1000 as compared with 29·5 per 1000 in the year 1914.

## Deaths.

The number of persons who died *in* the district was 166, but two of these came from outside. Twenty-one civilians died *outside* the district.

The total after subtracting the 2 and adding the 21 above named was 185 as compared with 177 in the year before. Two soldiers, were brought home to be buried, who had died outside the district, how many more have died or been killed I am unable to say.

The Death Rate was 15·8 per 1000 as compared with 14·8 per 1000 in the previous year.

## Influenza.

There were 10 deaths from Influenza as against 12 in the year before. When one considers that about two thirds as many die from this disease as from Tuberculosis, or heart disease, and as many, or more, than from Cancer, it makes one regard Influenza as a much more formidable disease than it is generally thought to be. In my opinion when normal times again arrive we ought to do something throughout the country to deal with this disease which is exacting such a heavy toll from the population.

The supply of vaccines by the Local Government Board or other responsible body, might I believe, be one good way of fighting the disease.

## Infant Mortality.

The deaths of children under one year numbered 50. In the year 1914 there were only 36 deaths. The higher number of deaths is largely due to the number of cases of Bronchitis and Pneumonia, and some of these may be accounted for by Whooping Cough, which was prevalent in the early part of the year.

Diarrhœa is, I am pleased to note, on the decline. There were only 2 deaths under one year.

Bills concerning flies and food pollution were posted throughout the district and I think have had good results.

The Death Rate per 1000 children born was 169.

## Scarlet Fever.

There were no deaths from this disease, but 46 cases were notified as against 53 cases and 1 death in 1914. Twenty-one cases were sent to Hospital as against 31 in the year before.

## Diphtheria.

The number of cases of Diphtheria notified was 16. Three were removed to Hospital. This compares favourably with 1914 when the cases numbered 30, and 8 were sent to Hospital.

In most cases Home Isolation proves quite satisfactory, especially where they are only carriers.

There were 2 deaths from this disease.

## Enteric Fever.

No case of Enteric Fever was notified in the district.

One or two soldiers came home convalescent after having this disease—the fact that they had had the disease was notified to me by the Military Authorities and they were kept under supervision for a time but nothing further occurred.

## Erysipelas.

Thirteen cases were notified, and one death took place.

There were 12 cases, and no deaths in 1914.

## Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Two cases were notified.

Both cases were at first treated at home—one subsequently went to an Eye Hospital. There was no need to provide a special nurse.

In both cases the eyes became quite normal.

In this district I think that the cases of this disease will generally be of a mild type, and not often due to specific disease.

## Tuberculosis.

The notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis numbered 37 and the notifications of other forms of Tuberculosis were 6. The deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis were 16 in number.

Records of conditions under which cases of Tuberculosis occur are being kept, but overcrowding and bad structural conditions in connection with dwelling houses, no doubt exist, which it is very difficult or impossible to deal with at present.

## School Closure.

In March a Special Report was presented requesting the closing of Stamber Mill Infants' School on account of a child with Scarlet Fever having attended up to within a day or two of being found desquamating.

## The Creche.

The Day Nursery was closed about the middle of the year. No babies were attending, many having died from Measles.

## Correspondence of Soldiers.

I pointed out during the year the importance of persons not sending letters to soldiers from homes where there was any infection, and stated that letters might be disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector if special requests were made for it to be done.

## Census Enumeration.

The enumeration in connection with the Census took up much of the time of some of the Council Officials.

## Canker and Diphtheria.

I brought to the notice of the Council, for publication, the fact that there were cases of so called "Canker" or sore mouth which were really Diphtheria, and that it was necessary that these children should be taken to a doctor in order that the disease might be detected and checked.

## Mud Splashing and Dust.

Some method is still needed to prevent the Mud Splashing and distribution of Dust by the heavy motor buses which pass so frequently through this district.

I am aware that the Council has written to the proper quarter about the matter, but nothing practical has been done. I think that it is unreasonable to expect people to keep their windows open for ventilation whilst this continues, and yet in small houses especially ventilation is very necessary.

The work in the Sanitary Inspector's department is set out in detail in the tables appended.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. CHRISTOPHER DARBY,

*May, 1916.*

*Medical Officer of Health.*



Table 1. Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1915 and previous Years.

LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS. †		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT			
		Un-corrected Number.	Nett.		Number *	Rate	of Non-residents registered in the District. †	of Residents not registered in the District. †	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number †	Rate					Number *	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.		
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1910	11815	303	...	25.6	129	10.9	...	9	29	95	138	11.6
1911	11684	336	336	25.6	181	15.4	...	28	50	148	209	17.8
1912	11796	327	328	27.8	142	12.0	...	22	37	112	164	13.8
1913	11825	335	337	28.5	149	12.6	...	17	45	133	166	14.0
1914	11895	350	351	29.5	164	13.7	2	15	36	102	177	14.8
1915	11640	295	295	25.3	166	14.2	2	21	50	169	185	15.8

Area of District in acres (land and inland water), 784

Total Population at all ages ..

Total Families or separate occupiers ..

At Census of 1911 .. 11684 } .. 2494 }

**TABLE II.**

**Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1915.**

LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	Number of Cases Notified.								Total cases removed to Hospital
	At Ages—Years.								
	At all Ages.	Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and up-wards	
Small-pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	16	1	6	8	1	..	..	..	3
Erysipelas .. ..	13	1	1	1	2	4	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever .. ..	46	..	13	27	6	..	..	..	21
Typhus Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	37	2	3	16	6	6	4	..	} 12
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	6	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	
Totals .. ..	120	6	25	55	16	10	8	..	36

The Isolation Hospital is situated outside this district, at Hayley Green. It is a joint Hospital for Lye, Halesowen & Stourbridge. Tuberculosis cases from this district have also been sent to Welland and Knightwick Sanatoria.

Cases of Tuberculosis were sent as follows—To Hayley Green 6 ; Knightwick 5 ; Welland 1. Total 12.

**TABLE III.**  
**Deaths registered during the Calendar Year,**  
Classified by age and Cause.  
**LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT.**

Causes of Death.		Nett Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District (a)									Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non- residents" in Institutions in the District. (b)
		All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and up- wards	
I		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
All Causes	Certified (c) Uncertified	180 5	47 3	19 ..	12 ..	6 ..	7 ..	9 ..	32 1	48 1	
Enteric Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Small-pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Measles .. ..	..	9	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	
Scarlet Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Whooping Cough ..	..	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Diphtheria and Croup ..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Influenza .. ..	..	10	..	..	1	..	1	1	5	2	
Erysipelas .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Phthsis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	..	9	2	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	
Tuberculous Meningitis ..	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	
Other Tuberculous Diseases	..	4	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	
Cancer, malignant disease	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	
Rheumatic Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Meningitis ( <i>See note (d)</i> ) ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Organic Heart Disease ..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	
Bronchitis .. ..	..	26	13	5	..	..	..	..	4	4	
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	..	14	4	4	..	..	..	..	5	1	
Other diseases of respiratory organs	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	
Diarrhœa and Enteritis ( <i>See note (e)</i> )	..	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cirrhosis of Liver .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	
Alcoholism .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	
Puerperal Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other accidents & diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth .. ..	..	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide .. ..	..	6	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	
Suicide .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	
Other Defined Diseases ..	..	52	8	1	2	2	1	1	8	29	
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals .. ..	..	185	50	19	12	6	7	9	33	49	
<b>Sub-Entries</b> included in above figures	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Poliomyelitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pneumonia .. ..	..	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	

No Institutions in the District.

TABLE IV.

LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT.

## INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1915.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages and under 1. Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All Causes {	Certified ..	..	8	1	3	3	15	8	5	7	12	47	
	Uncertified ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	
Small-pox .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chicken-pox .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	6
Diphtheria and Croup .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tuberculous Meningitis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abdominal Tuberculosis (b) .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Tuberculous Diseases .. ..				1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convulsions .. ..				1	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	5
Laryngitis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchitis .. ..				..	1	..	..	1	4	2	2	4	13
Pneumonia (all forms) .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Diarrhœa .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Enteritis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
Gastritis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rickets .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation, everlaying .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Injury at Birth .. ..				2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Atelectasis .. ..				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congenital Malformations (c) .. ..				1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2
Premature Birth .. ..				2	..	..	2	4	..	1	..	..	5
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus .. ..				..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Other Causes .. ..				1	..	1	..	2	2	1	1	..	6
Totals .. ..				8	1	3	3	15	9	5	7	14	50

Nett Births registered during the calendar year } legitimate 286  
 } illegitimate 9

Nett Deaths registered during the calendar year of } legitimate infants 45  
 } illegitimate do. 5



## NOTES TO TABLE III.

The classification and numbering of Causes of Death are those of the "Short List" on page XXV of the Manual of the International List of Causes of Death, which should be consulted and followed in all cases of doubt.

Copies of this Manual were distributed to Medical Officers of Health in 1912 by the Registrar-General, and may be purchased either directly or through any bookseller from Wyman & Sons, Ltd., 29, Breame Buildings, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 1/-.

- (a) All "Transferable Deaths" of residents, *i.e.*, of persons resident in the District who have died outside it, are to be *included* with the other deaths in columns 2-10. Transferable deaths of non-residents, *i.e.*, of persons resident elsewhere in England and Wales who have died in the District, are in like manner to be *excluded* from these columns. For the precise meaning of the term "transferable deaths" *see* footnote to Table I.

The total deaths in column 2 of Table III should equal the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.

- (b) All deaths occurring in institutions for the sick and infirm situated within the district, whether of residents or of non-residents, are to be entered in the last column of Table III.
- (c) All deaths certified by registered Medical Practitioners and all Inquest cases are to be classed as "Certified"; all other deaths are to be regarded as "Uncertified."
- (d) Exclusive of "Tuberculous Meningitis" (10), but inclusive of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.
- (e) Title 19 should be used for deaths from Diarrhœa and Enteritis at all ages. (In the "Short List" deaths from Diarrhœa and Enteritis under 2 years are included under Title 19; those at 2 years and over being placed under Title 28.)

N.B.—Deaths of soldiers and sailors occurring in hospitals and institutions in the district are to be excluded from the total number of deaths registered in the district, and such deaths should in like manner be excluded from column 11 of Table III.

## NOTES TO TABLE IV.

- (a) The total in the last column of Table IV should equal the total in column 10 of Table I, and in column 3 of Table III.
- (b) Under Abdominal Tuberculosis are to be included deaths from Tuberculous Peritonitis and Enteritis and from Tabes Mesenterica.
- (c) The total deaths from Congenital Malformations, Premature Birth, Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus, should equal the total in Table III. for ages under 1 year, under the heading Congenital Debility, and Malformation including Premature Birth.

Want of Breast Milk should be included under Atrophy and Debility.

- (d) For references to the meaning of any other headings, *see* notes attached to Table III.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I, II, III, & IV, attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

**H. CHRISTOPHER DARBY,**

*Medical Officer of Health.*

# INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR

LYE AND WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT,

of the Sanitary Work completed in the year ending 31st Dec., 1915.

## Infectious Disease.

No. of houses disinfected after notifiable disease .. ..	87
Lots of bedding, clothing, &c., disinfected or destroyed ..	71
Compensation paid for destruction .. ..	N
Cases of illegal exposure reported (P.H. Act, 1875, Section 26)	N

## Houses ( Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909).

No. of houses erected .. ..	3
No. of houses inspected .. ..	232
No. represented as unfit for habitation .. ..	N
No. of Closing Orders made by the Local Authority ..	N
No. of Closing Orders that became operative .. ..	N
No. of houses with defects remedied without Closing Orders ..	227
No. of houses with defects remedied after Closing Orders ..	N
No. of Closing Orders determined .. ..	N
No. of houses demolished .. ..	N
No. of Orders to execute work under Section 15 .. ..	18
No. of Orders to execute work under Section 15 complied with	12
No. of yards paved or repaved .. ..	37
No. of cases of overcrowding abated .. ..	7

## Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, &c.

No. observed .. ..	N
No. dealt with, as insanitary .. ..	N

## House-drains.

No. laid or relaid .. ..	7
No. trapped, ventilated and repaired .. ..	
No. of obstructed drains dealt with .. ..	
No. of house-drains tested .. ..	
No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified ..	
No. of urinals on licensed premises inspected .. ..	3
No. of dumb wells rectified .. ..	N

## Water Closets.

No. of additional W.C.'s. provided .. ..	8
No. repaired, ventilated and supplied with water .. ..	10

## Privies and Ashpits.

No. of additional privies and ashpits provided .. ..	N
No. of pail closets and privies converted to W.C.'s. ..	69
No. converted to pail-closets .. ..	N
No. repaired .. ..	4

**Scavenging.**

No. of houses from which refuse was removed	..	..	2690
No. of privies and ashpits cleansed	..	:	.. 3676
No. of portable receptacles cleansed	..	..	767 weekly
No. of loads of ashes and excrement removed	..	..	5221
How often is house refuse removed	..	..	..

**Smoke Nuisances.**

No. under observation	..	..	..	..	N
No. abated	..	..	..	..	..

**Offensive Trades (Sec. 112 P.H.A. 1875, Sec. 51 P.H.A.A. 1907).**

No. under observation	..	..	..	..	N
No. improperly conducted	..	..	..	..	..
No. newly established, with consent of Council	..	..	..	..	..

**Water Supply.**

No. of wells sunk	..	..	..	..	N
No. of wells cleansed and repaired	..	..	..	..	N
No. of wells closed as polluted	..	..	..	..	I
No. of disused wells abolished	..	..	..	..	N
No. of houses supplied from waterworks during year	..	..	..	..	9
No. of samples of water sent for analysis	..	..	..	..	..
No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water supplies dealt with	..	..	..	..	I
No. of houses erected or rebuilt, for which water certificates were given	..	..	..	..	3

**Slaughter Houses.**

No. registered	..	..	..	..	9
No. licensed	..	..	..	..	4
No. cleansed and repaired	..	..	..	..	3
At what intervals is each inspected	..	..	..	3 months	..
Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported	..	..	..	..	N
Are Byelaws in force thoroughly carried out	..	..	..	..	..

**Factories and Workshops.**

No. under inspection	..	..	..	..	217
No. certified for limewashing by Inspector	..	..	..	..	11
No. of insanitary conditions dealt with as nuisances	..	..	..	..	3
No. employing "young persons," &c., reported to Medical Officer of Health	..	..	..	..	N
At what intervals is each inspected	..	..	..	6 months	..
No. of outworkers' premises inspected	..	..	..	..	40

**Shop Hours' Act.**

No. of shops under supervision	..	..	..	..	N
No. of contraventions of Act dealt with	..	..	..	..	N

**Purveyors of Milk.**

No. of	..	..	..	..	7
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**Dairies.**

No. registered	..	..	..	..	12
No. of contraventions of Acts, Orders and Byelaws dealt with	..	..	..	..	..
At what intervals is each inspected	..	..	..	3 months	..
No. of infected milk supplies dealt with	..	..	..	..	N
Approximate No. of milking cows in District	..	..	..	..	100



**Cowsheds.**

No. registered	..	..	..	..	22
No. of infected milk supplies reported	..	..	..	..	N
At what intervals is each inspected	..	..	..	3 months	

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**Canal Boats.**

No. of boats on register	..	..	..	..	N
No. of boats registered during year	..	..	..	..	N
No. of certificates renewed	..	..	..	..	N
No. of boats inspected (for registration or otherwise)	..	..	..	..	N
No. of contraventions of Acts and Regulations dealt with	..	..	..	..	

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**Lodging Houses.**

No. on Register	..	..	..	..	N
No. regularly inspected	..	..	..	..	N
No. cleansed and repaired	..	..	..	..	N
At what intervals is each inspected	..	..	..	..	N

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**Food.**

No. of seizures as unfit for consumption	..	..	..	..	N
Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption	..	..	..	..	
Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption	..	..	..	..	N

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**Food and Drugs' Act.**

No. of samples taken for analysis	..	..	..	..	N
No. of samples certified genuine	..	..	..	..	
No. of samples certified adulterated	..	..	..	..	N

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**Animals kept so as to be a Nuisance.**

No. of cases of removal on notice	..	..	..	..	3
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**Accumulation of Offensive Refuse.**

No. of removals	..	..	..	..	2
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**Legal Proceedings.**

No. of convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions	..	..	..	..	N
No. of convictions obtained with regard to unsound food	..	..	..	..	N

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**Clerical Work.**

No. of preliminary notices served	..	..	..	..	102
No. of Statutory notices served	..	..	..	..	103
No. of Statutory notices complied with	..	..	..	..	69
No. of Statutory notices outstanding	..	..	..	..	34

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H. POOLE,

May 26th, 1916

Sanitary Inspector.



# LYE & WOLLESCOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## THE FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT of the SURVEYOR

For the Year ending March 31st, 1916.

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GENTLEMEN,

The War during the past year has overshadowed everything. The Nation's energy being so much occupied in providing the sinews of War, Municipal work except for the ordinary routine repairs and cleansing has had to be temporarily shelved.

My report this year will therefore be brief.

### HIGHWAYS.

#### Length of Highways.

Since my last Annual Report the new Road off Pedmore Road has been taken over by you, this adding an additional length of 90 yards to Highways repairable.

#### Curbing and Channelling.

A further length of curbing and channelling to the lower end of Cemetery Road was carried out the early part of the year, but the completion is deferred for the time being.

#### Stone.

The quantity of Stone used in the repairing of roads during the past year was 165 tons, 8 cwt. of Rowley Rag, and 49 tons, 7 cwt., 2 qrs. of Blast Furnace Cinder. The figures for the previous year are: 195 tons, 15 cwt. of Rowley Rag, and 45 tons. 15 cwt. of Blast Furnace Cinder.

#### Steam Roller.

The Steam Roller has been hired for 4 days.

## Water.

The quantity of water used for the street watering was 3151 loads, as compared with 2090 last year.

## Horse Hire.

The Horse hire for the past year is as follows :

Watering Road.	Carting Ashes.	Carting Stone.	Picking Up.	Flushing.
65 $\frac{3}{4}$ days.	7 days.	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ days.	2 days.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.

## Horse Corn and Fodder.

The total cost for the two horses last year was £68 3s. 1d. being an average of £34 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per horse, an increase over last year of £5 5s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per horse.

## Wages.

The wages paid for workmen engaged on Highways amounts to £246 9s. 2d., this being an increase of £12 0s. 11d.

## Lighting.

This has been very considerably curtailed on the instructions of the Police authorities.

## Sewers.

The sewer in the new road off Pedmore Road, 90 yards in length, has been taken over by you.

## Building Plans.

Plans have been passed for : 5 New Houses, 15 small alterations to Houses, 10 extension of Works and Business Premises.

Last year's figures were—16 New Houses and Shops, 1 Bakehouse, 10 Alterations to Houses, 14 Extension of Works and Business Premises.

It is my privilege to have this opportunity of thanking you for the confidence placed in me at all times during the past year and to thank you for the courtesy I have always received.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HUGH E. FOLKES.

# Lye & Wollescote Fire Brigade.

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## CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31st, 1915.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the Seventh Annual Report of the work of the Fire Brigade for the year 1915.

During the year the Brigade has been called to six fires, one false alarm and one test call, the attendance at fires has been good, the average number of Firemen attending each fire being five.

Following are particulars of fires attended :—

January 8th, 9-10 p.m., at the business premises of Mr. W. H. Stevens, Builder, Cemetery Road, damage slight.

April 21st, 11 p.m., at the house of Mr. T. Young, Tailor, High Street, damage slight.

April 28th, 4-35 p.m., at the works of Messrs. Stevens' Bedstead, Co., Ltd., Valley Road, damage £1,500.

May 5th, 1-35 p.m., at the house of Mr. F. Cartwright, Tailor, Upper High Street, damage slight.

September 6th, 8-45 p.m., at the house of Mrs. Hall, Confectioner, Hay Green, damage slight.

December 25th. 5-50 p.m., at the house of Mrs. Skidmore, 17, Church Street, damage slight.

The property destroyed by fire is estimated at £1,535, while the value of property at risk was (approximately) £4,100.

The time occupied by the Brigade in attending and extinguishing fires was 9 hours.

During the year we have made 50 drills, the time occupied in such drills was 71 hours, the attendance of the members is still unsatisfactory, the average being 34 out of a possible 50.

On February 9th, Mr. A. J. Shearer was appointed Second Officer, I should like to express my appreciation of his services, he has proved a most efficient officer and takes great interest in everything connected with the work of the Brigade.

Early in the year your Council provided a New Fire Station adjoining the Council House, the appliances were transferred on March 2nd, the increased accommodation is much appreciated, the Firemen being able to perform their duties more satisfactorily.

The hydrants throughout the whole district have been inspected and tested during the year, and found to be in good working order, with the exception of one or two which have since had attention.

I feel it my duty to comment on the kindness of several employers of labour in allowing members of the Brigade in their employ, to leave work at any time to attend day fires.

I have to thank the members of the Brigade, who are always willing and anxious to give their time and services to the town and district, for the excellent work at fires and attendance at drills, also the Hon. Surgeon, Dr. H. C. Darby, and the members of the Police Force for the good services rendered by them in connection with the work of the Brigade.

The appliances are in good working order.

Faithfully yours,

J. A. WOOLDRIDGE,

Chief Officer.